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SUBJECT:DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, JULY 10

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS, FUNSETH

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY ACTING SPOKESMAN FUNSETH'S RESPONSES  
AT TODAY'S BRIEFING:

1. COL. MORGAN -- WE CONTINUE TO BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH  
LEBANESE GOVT AND GOL IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN  
HIS RELEASE.
2. NIGERIAN INCIDENT -- NIGERIAN TROOPS WERE WITHDRAWN  
LATE LAST NIGHT FROM US EMBASSY ANNEX IN LAGOS. WE HAVE  
PROTESTED THIS VIOLATION OF OUR DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY IN BOTH  
LAGOS AND WASHINGTON, AND HAVE RECEIVED APOLOGIES FROM  
NIGERIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY AND FROM NIGERIAN EMBASSY  
OFFICIALS HERE.
3. PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS -- QUESTIONED ABOUT EFFECT ON  
NEGOTIATIONS OF SNYDER AMENDMENT, FUNSETH SAID  
ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH IT  
CONSIDERS ARE IN US NATIONAL INTEREST. WE ARE IN CLOSE  
CONSULTATION NOW WITH CONGRESS AND HOPE AND BELIEVE SENATE  
WILL RATIFY KIND OF NEGOTIATION WE WILL CONCLUDE. ASKED  
IF LEGAL OPINION EXISTS ON WHETHER FINAL APPROVAL OF  
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SNYDER AMENDMENT WOULD PRECLUDE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS,

FUNSETH STATED THE ADMINISTRATION OBVIOUSLY OPPOSES ANY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION THAT PREVENTS IT FROM CARRYING OUT ITS CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO NEGOTIATE TREATIES. HE NOTED THAT IT IS THE US SENATE WHICH HAS THE AUTHORITY UNDER THE CONSTITUTION TO RATIFY TREATIES.

4. OAS MEETING IN COSTA RICA -- US WOULD GO TO COSTA RICA WITH THE IDEA THAT WE REACH SOME SORT OF SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT WITH OUR OAS ALLIES ON THE CUBAN SANCTIONS QUESTION.

5. APOLLO-SOYUZ -- UNDERSTAND THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE APOLLO LIFT-OFF (IN FLORIDA) AND AMBASSADOR STOESSEL HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND SOYUZ LIFT-OFF.

6. WE PRESS RELEASED SISCO'S HIRC STATEMENT ON AID TO TURKEY, MADE AVAILABLE DAVIS' AND BUFFUM'S STATEMENTS ON REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT AND MAW'S STATEMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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